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Letter dated 15 September 1998 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the fifty-third session of the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/53/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 45 of section IV and to the relevant part of paragraph 59 of section V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Didier **Opertti**

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Annex

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1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I to V, VIII (sections A to C and E to H) and X] (item 12).

   [The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

   (a) Chapters I, VIII (section C) and X ..... Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees

   (b) Chapters II and IV ..... Plenary meetings

   (c) Chapters III, V and VIII (section A) ..... Plenary meetings and Third Committee

   (d) Chapter VIII (section B) ..... Plenary meetings and Fifth Committee]

2. Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91):

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries;

   (c) Commodities;

   (d) External debt crisis and development.

3. Sectoral policy questions (item 92):

   (a) Business and development;

   (b) Industrial development cooperation.

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (item 93):

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development:

      (i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

      (ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

   (d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;

   [The General Assembly decided that, in accordance with resolution 50/122 of 20 December 1997 and decision 52/480 of 4 June 1998, the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and

interdependence and their policy implications should be held on Thursday, 17 September and Friday, 18 September 1998.]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

(g) Cultural development.

5. Environment and sustainable development (item 94):

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21;

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa.

6. Operational activities for development (item 95).

[The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred tot he Second Committee for consideration under item 95.]

7. Training and research (item 96):

(a) United Nations University;

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (item 97).

9. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006) (item 98).

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Letter dated 24 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary General

Please find enclosed (see annex) a letter by Mr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union, for circulation as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 93 (e).

(*Signed*) Ernst **Sucharipa**
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Annex

Letter dated 24 September 1998 from the President of the Council of the European Union addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you on behalf of the European Union regarding the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries. The General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, decided to convene this Conference at a high level in the year 2001.

The European Union attaches the utmost importance to the sustainable economic and social development of the least developed countries, to the eradication of the widespread poverty existing in those countries and to their progressive and gradual integration into the world economy. It is therefore my particular pleasure to inform you that the European Union would be prepared to host this Conference in the first semester of the year 2001, subject to formalizing agreements regarding organizational matters.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3 (e).

(*Signed*) Wolfgang **Schüssel**
President of the Council of the European Union